



Special Issue

Samdech Sihanouk's Inspection Tour Of the Cambodian Liberated Zone

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Warm Congratulations on the Successful Inspection Tour of the Liberated Zone of Cambodia



Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, and other distinguished Cambodian guests arrived in Peking on April 11 after an inspection tour of the Liberated Zone of Cambodia and a friendly visit to the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. They are warmly welcomed at the airport by Premier Chou En-lai and other Chinese leaders and more than 5,000 people.

SAMDECH Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, and Madame Monique Sihanouk, in the company of Special Envoy Ieng Sary, made an inspection tour of the Liberated Zone of Cambodia in March, 1973.

Samdech Sihanouk has a fervent love for the motherland and complete confidence in the victory of the Cambodian people's struggle. Heedless of his personal safety and the hardships of a long trek, he toured the provinces of Stung Treng, Preah Vihear and Siem Reap, sharing weal and woe with the patriotic armed forces and people fighting at the front.

Samdech Sihanouk had cordial meetings and extensive contacts

with leaders of the N. U. F. C. and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the interior, with representatives of units of the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia and people of all strata in the Liberated Zone. He witnessed the flourishing life in the Liberated Zone and learned on the spot about the excellent situation prevailing on the war and production fronts.

Wherever the Samdech and Madame Sihanouk went, in the border area of the motherland or at Angkor Wat — sacred place of the Khmer nation, they were accorded a warm welcome by the armymen and the people. Samdech Sihanouk presided over the first meeting of the

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Council of Ministers in the Liberated Zone, near Angkor. On March 23, the Samdech and Madame celebrated the third anniversary of the founding of the N.U.F.C. and P.A.F.N.L.C. together with Cambodia's leading members in the interior, officers and men of the armed forces, and Buddhist monks and people from other circles, at the foot of Lichee Mountain in Angkor area. All this shows that Samdech Sihanouk, as the head of state, enjoys the full support, love and respect of the Cambodian people, that the N.U.F.C. represents the fundamental interests of the Cambodian people, and that the R.G.N.U.C. — the only legal Cambodian government — has ties of flesh and blood with the people.

Under the wise leadership of the N.U.F.C. with Samdech Sihanouk

as its chairman, the patriotic Cambodian armed forces and people, fighting dauntlessly in common hatred against the enemy, have wiped out large numbers of enemy effectives and liberated more than 90 per cent of the territory and more than 80 per cent of the population. The traitorous Lon Nol clique is encircled ring upon ring by the people's armed forces and the broad masses of the people. Bottled up in the isolated city of Phnom Penh, the traitorous Lon Nol clique is in a state of constant panic. Its days are numbered, no matter what methods U.S. imperialism may use to bolster it. It can be said with certainty that Samdech Sihanouk's trip to the Liberated Zone will further push forward the victorious development of the situation in Cambodia and hasten the total collapse of the traitorous Lon Nol clique.

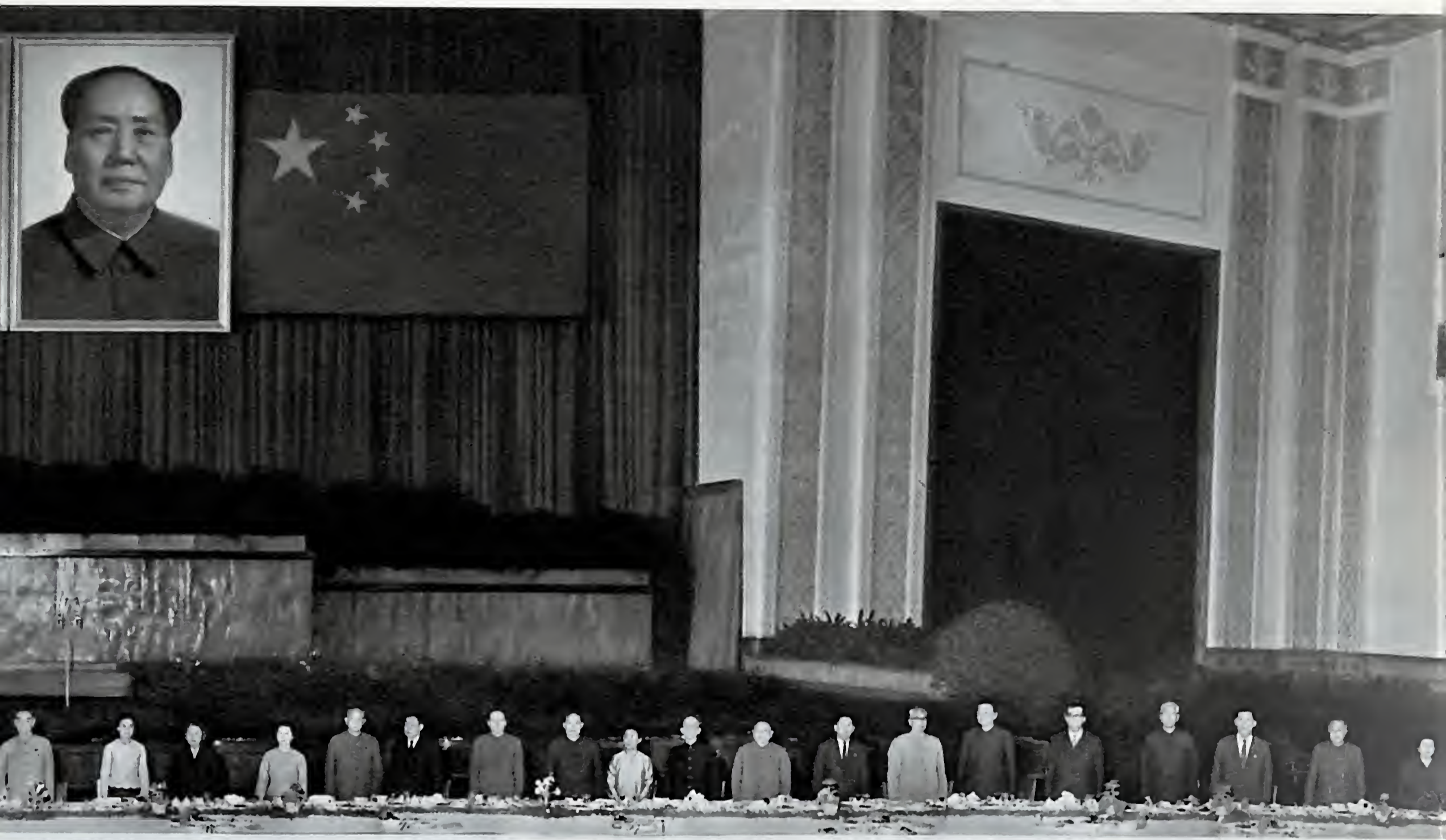
Samdech Sihanouk showing Premier Chou and other Chinese leaders the photographs on display.





At a grand banquet given by Premier Chou En-lai in the evening of April 12 to warmly welcome Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and Chairman of the N.U.F.C., and Madame Sihanouk on their arrival in Peking after their tour of the Liberated Zone of Cambodia.





On April 13, Samdech and Madame Sihanouk held a reception in celebration of the traditional Khmer New Year. Present were Prime Minister and Madame Penn Nouth, Special Envoy Ieng Sary.

Chou En-lai, Li Hsien-nien, Li Teh-sheng, Hsu Hsiang-chien, Teng Ying-chao, Chi Peng-fei and other Chinese leaders also attended.

A historic film of Samdech Sihanouk's inspection tour of the Liberated Zone of Cambodia was shown at the reception. After the film, guests and hosts joined in a buffet dinner.

Samdech Sihanouk comments at a press conference on the significance of his inspection tour of the Liberated Zone of Cambodia and the current situation.





Arriving at Dong Hoi from Hanoi, Cambodian Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and Madame Sihanouk are warmly welcomed by military leaders of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, who escort them to the border.



Crossing a river.

Heading for the Liberated Zone of Cambodia over the famous Ho Chi Minh Trail.



A Tour

Heading for a campsite near Cambodia.



of Historic Significance

Photographs by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Princess Monique Sihanouk and the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia





Somewhere in the
Truong Son Range.



Madame Sihanouk
writes in her diary.



Madame Sihanouk
and her guard.



At the camp ground.

Strolling on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. From left: Vietnamese interpreter, Madame Sihanouk, Vietnamese Ambassador to Cambodia Nguyen Thuong.



Madame Sihanouk inspecting an air raid shelter.





Samdech and Madame Sihanouk chatting with Ieng Sary, special envoy from the interior of Cambodia, while resting in the forest.

Madame Sihanouk persists in keeping a diary during the journey.





Resting somewhere in the Truong Son Range.

Proceeding toward a campsite near the border of Cambodia.





Samdech Sihanouk kissing the earth of his motherland.

Samdech Sihanouk, Mr. Khieu Samphan and Mr. Hu Nim drinking coconut milk.





On the border of Cambodia, Minister of Information and Propaganda Hu Nim warmly greets the Head of State on behalf of leaders of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the interior and expresses the joy of the people on welcoming the Samdech to the motherland.



From second left: Mr. Khieu Samphan, Samdech Sihanouk, Mr. Hu Nim.



A reunion in the forest of Stung Treng Province between Samdech Sihanouk and Khieu Samphan, Deputy Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation. Behind them is Madame Sihanouk.

Madame Sihanouk and Madame Hou Yuon.

On the road 55 kms from Siem Pang.



A "brand new" car for the Samdech.





Samdech Sihanouk (left) chatting with Mr. Khieu Samphan (centre) and others.





The joy of being together. From left: Mr. Hou Yuon, Samdech Sihanouk, Mr. Son Sen.



On the Stung Treng-Kratie-Phnom Penh state highway. The milestone reads: Kratie: 189 kms.

The first reunion: Samdech and Madame Sihanouk with comrades-in-arms.



A warm welcome from P.A.F.N.L.C. fighters.

Samdech and Madame Sihanouk with fighter-escorts.





At a campsite in the forest.



Madame Sihanouk, Madame Hou Yuon and a N.U.F.C. member.

Slinging a hammock for Madame Sihanouk on the journey.





Deputy Minister and Chairman of the People's Committee Koy Thuon and Madame Koy Thuon greeting the Samdech.

Samdech Sihanouk sampling a delicious fruit in the Khmer forest.



Samdech Sihanouk taking a picture of the scenery of his motherland.





A historic event: The Head of State presides over the first meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the Liberated Zone. The Angkor forest served as cover for the meeting.





Madame Sihanouk taking a picture of the Head of State and leaders of the R.G.N.U.C. in the interior.

Leaders of the Khmer Resistance Movement Samdech Sihanouk, Mr. Khieu Samphan, Mr. Hou Yuon, Mr. Hu Nim, Mr. Ieng Sary, Mr. Son Sen, Mr. Saloth Sar, Mr. Koy Thuon and Mr. Noun Chea in front of the Temple of Grand Buddha on Lichee Mountain.

On Lichee Mountain.





Khmer Resistance Movement leaders appreciate photos taken of them by Madame Sihanouk.





Close ties between the Head of State and leaders in the interior.





Patriotic soldiers and civilians cheering the Head of State.





A mass rally was held at the foot of Lichee Mountain near Angkor on March 23, 1973 to mark the glorious festival, the 3rd anniversary of the founding of the National United Front of Cambodia and the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia. Samdech Sihanouk spoke at the rally. The Kingdom of Cambodia's national flag is in the foreground.

Samdech Sihanouk speaking at the rally.



Civilians applauding the Head of State's speech.





A rally of historic significance.





Youths led by the N.U.F.C.



A battle-tempered people.



Listening attentively to the Head of State.



Buddhist monks delegation blessing the Head of State. With him are the three heroes, Khieu Samphan, Hou Yuon and Hu Nim.

Weapons captured by the P.A.F.N.L.C. from the enemy.





Samdech and Madame Sihanouk at a performance presented in their honour by the P.A.F.N.L.C.



Performing revolutionary songs.



Solo: *Long Live the Samdech, Head of State and Chairman of the United Front!*, a song specially composed for the Samdech's return to his country.



After the show, Samdech and Madame Sihanouk mount the stage to congratulate the artists.



Artists paying tribute to the Head of State.



Samdech Sihanouk delivering a speech of thanks at a banquet given in his and Madame Sihanouk's honour by the R.G.N.U.C.

The Samdech fording a stream.





Samdech Sihanouk ready for a new tour on foot. Son Sen (left, front), Chief of the General Staff of the P.A.F.N.L.C., describing the route.

Madame Sihanouk crossing a stream. Supporting her on the left is the wife of Hou Yuon, Minister of Interior, Rural Reform and Co-operative.





Samdech Sihanouk identifying a U.S. bomb fragment beside a stream.

Washing off the fatigue of the journey in a stream of the free motherland.





A charming residence arranged by N.U.F.C. members in Angkor for Head of State Samdech and Madame Sihanouk.



A P.A.F.N.L.C. fighter giving the Samdech a haircut.

P.A.F.N.L.C. guards at Angkor Wat.

Samdech Sihanouk inspecting a dining hall of the P.A.F.N.L.C. near Siem Reap.

Battle-steeled P.A.F.N.L.C. fighters.



The most thrilling moment — arrival at Angkor Wat. Angkor has long been the symbol of the eternal life and glory of Cambodia and the Khmer people. Today it also represents the great victories gained by the N.U.F.C., the R.G.N.U.C. and the P.A.F.N.L.C.



Madame Sihanouk gazes at Cambodia's most revered temple.





At a temple at Siem Reap Province.





Madame Sihanouk in front of the elaborate carvings.



Head of State Samdech Sihanouk in front of Angkor Wat — symbol of Cambodia.





Madame Sihanouk, Madame Hou Yuon (left), Madame Khieu Ponnary (2nd left), Chairman of the Democratic Women's League, and wife of Koy Thuon (right), Deputy Minister and Chairman of the People's Committee, in front of Angkor Wat.

Madame Sihanouk and women members of the N.U.F.C. in Cambodia's most beautiful temple.



Patriotic leaders of the Khmer Resistance Movement in the interior delighting in the exquisite national cultural heritage.



Samdech and Madame Sihanouk in front of the Temple of Banteay Srei.

Front Cover: Travelling along the Stung Treng-Phnom Penh national highway. The bullet-scarred milestone reads in Cambodian: "Phnom Penh, 525 kms". From left to right, front row: Madame Sihanouk, Mr. Khieu Samphan, Samdech Sihanouk, Mr. Hu Nim. They believe that the liberation of Phnom Penh is not far off. Photograph by the P.A.F.N.L.C.
Back Cover: Samdech Sihanouk together with heroes and heroines of the Cambodian People's Resistance Movement. Photograph by the P.A.F.N.L.C.

